



**CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee:  
Subcommittee on Transportation Revenue  
DRAFT Minutes**

**Monday, December 4, 2017--9:00 a.m.  
Lake County Conference Room**

**Members present:** Randall Blankenhorn, Frank Beal, Dorval Carter, Thomas Cuculich, Elliot Hartstein, Christopher Lauzen (via tele-conference), Leanne Redden, Richard Reinbold (via tele-conference), Rebekah Scheinfeld, and Carolyn Schofield

**Members absent:** Martin Oberman

**Guests:** Erin Aleman, Mike Connelly, John Donovan, Tony Greep (via tele-conference), Luann Hamilton, Kevin O'Malley, Chris Strom, Justine Sydello

**CMAP staff present:** Jesse Elam, Lindsay Hollander, Tom Kotarac, Melissa, Porter, Liz Schuh, Gordon Smith, Joe Szabo

**1.0 Call to Order/Introductions**

Illinois Department of Transportation Secretary and Policy Committee Chair, Randy Blankenhorn, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and members introduced themselves.

**2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no agenda changes or announcements

**3.0 Draft ON TO 2050 Financial Plan for Transportation Revenue Forecast**

Tom Kotarac presented an overview of the draft ON TO 2050 financial plan for transportation forecast. He explained the concept of a fiscally constrained plan, and that ON TO 2050 is particularly constrained because revenues are forecasted to be lower than the amount forecasted to be required to operate and maintain the region's transportation system in its current condition. Mr. Kotarac described components of the forecast of existing revenues that would require additional action, such as toll rate or transit fare increases and the enactment of state capital programs. He detailed the new and enhanced revenue sources that are expected to be included in the forecast as reasonably expected revenues in order to ensure that the transportation system can operate, maintain, enhance, and expand. Mr. Kotarac also provided information on various ways the financial plan could be allocated across expenditure categories, and the subcommittee members

discussed priorities for allocating funding toward improving the condition of the system, enhancing the system, and expanding the capacity of the system. It was noted that due to the constrained forecast, the options for allocations are not remarkably different from each other.

The subcommittee members discussed how to proceed with pursuing new transportation revenues. Comments included that ON TO 2050 needs to be a bold plan for the future, and that we need a broad coalition of business and civic groups, beyond transportation implementers, to execute that plan. The members noted that they would like to learn more about other successful drives for transportation revenues across the country. Different ways to educate the public on the need for additional revenues were discussed, such as showing the benefits of additional investments in transportation and taking the perspective of different users of the transportation system. The members also discussed potential ways that the transportation system operators would need to demonstrate that they are achieving efficiencies in the way they operate and maintain the system, alongside revenue increases.

#### **4.0 Other business**

None

#### **5.0 Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

#### **6.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,